

# Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings Remediation Grants Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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## 1. What are HCBS Settings Remediation Grants?

**Response:** The federal HCBS Settings Rule requires states to ensure that certain HCBS providers support opportunities for MaineCare members to access the community, have privacy in their homes, control their personal resources, seek employment in competitive settings, and enjoy other opportunities to engage in community life. These changes require many providers to make changes in their properties, policies, training and other aspects of their organizations. To help support these changes, the Department is distributing remediation grants to eligible providers.

## 2. Which providers are eligible to receive a remediation grant?

**Response:** Providers who are participating in the Department of Health and Human Service's ("the Department") HCBS Settings Rule transition to compliance process for MaineCare Waiver Sections 18, 20, 21 and 29, and are up to date with any submissions due to the Department or its contractors in that process are eligible to receive a grant.

## 3. How does a provider register for a grant?

**Response:** To be considered for a grant, an agency must complete a simple [online form](#).

## 4. Is there be a cap on grant amounts? How will the funds be distributed?

**Response:** The Department has a total of \$5 million to distribute through this grant program in total. The Department will calculate the amount of each eligible provider's grant based on the provider's eligible HCBS MaineCare claims for calendar year 2019. Eligible HCBS MaineCare claims include residential and non-residential services with a direct support component delivered in a setting subject to Maine's Global HCBS Waiver Settings rule, such as a group home, community support center, work support group or other setting.

Providers will receive the grants in the same way that they currently receive claims payments.

## 5. When will the provider agency registrant know the grant amount?

**Response:** Shortly before grants are paid, registered agencies will receive instructions via email on how to access their grant amounts.

**6. Can funds be used for future actions to come into compliance with the HCBS rule?**

**Response:** The grant may be used to support the Provider Agency's past, current and ongoing compliance with MaineCare Benefits Manual, Ch.1, Sec. 6, Global HCBS Waiver Settings Rule.

**7. What level of review and audit will be required after the funds are spent?**

**Response:** The Department may choose to audit grant expenditures on a random or risk basis. The Provider Agency must retain, maintain, and make available to the Department and its designated agents upon request, copies of all documentation related to expenditures made with this grant, including but not limited to personnel records, expenditures data, and other provider agency financial data.

**8. Will there be an end date by which all funds must be spent?**

**Response:** Yes. All funds must be spent by 12/31/2023.

**9. What if we have questions or need help with the registration process?**

**Response:** For assistance, please email inquiries to: [Remediation.HCBS.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:Remediation.HCBS.DHHS@maine.gov)